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Administrative Aptientor

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

PAUL C. LEE RA00375600

TO ENGAGE IN REAL ESTATE APPRAISING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Real Estate Appraiser Board ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- Respondent is a licensed residential real estate appraiser in the State of 1. New Jersey, and has been a licensee of the Board at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about May 25, 2007 the Board forwarded an inquiry to respondent at his address of record in connection with a complaint by a consumer. The inquiry was sent by certified and regular mail. Certified mail was returned unclaimed. Regular mail was not returned. No response was received.
- On or about October 24, 2007 a follow-up inquiry was sent by certified 3. and regular mail to respondent at his address of record, enclosing a copy of the May

25, 2007 communication. <sup>1</sup> Certified mail was returned, unclaimed. Regular mail was not returned. No response was received.

4. On or about January 23, 2008, another inquiry was sent by certified and regular mail to respondent at his address of record. Certified mail was signed for. Regular mail was not returned. No response has been received to date.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's inquiries constitutes a failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of
Discipline was entered on June 23, 2008, provisionally suspending respondent's
appraising license, and provisionally imposing a civil penalty in the amount of
\$1,500.00. A copy of the Order was forwarded to respondent by certified and regular
mail at his address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the
Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless respondent
requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of
Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing
any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed
and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting
respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The letter was mistakenly dated October 24, 2006; however, the date stamped on the returned mailing demonstrates the mailing was in 2007.

Although the record reflects that the certified mailing was signed for, and the regular mailing was not returned, no response has been received to date. Accordingly, the Board deemed service to have been effected, inasmuch as the mailings were sent to respondent's address of record. The Board considered this matter, and determined that inasmuch as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, the Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 12th day of August , 2008, ORDERED that:

- 1. Respondent's license is hereby suspended until he complies fully and completely with the Board's request for information.
- 2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00 is hereby imposed upon respondent for his violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e). Payment shall be due within twenty one (21) days following entry of this Order, and shall be sent in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey, to the attention of Dr. James H. Hsu, Executive Director, Board of Real Estate Appraisers, P.O. Box 45032, 124 Halsey Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, NJ 07101.

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**Board President**